तथा वैशाली शामिल हैं । जैन स्थलों के लिए कोई विशिष्टि योजना नहीं है ।

Private airlines operating on domestic routes

*493. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of private airlines which are currently operating on domestic routes in India;

(b) what is the proportion of commercial business transacted by private airlines and the Indian Airlines; and

(c) whether Government have worked out the projected figures of increase in air trailic due to introduction of private airlines,?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION *AND TO*URISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO iCINDlAy: (a) Seven air taxi operators are currently operating in the country.

(b) The proportion of commercial besiness transacted by air taxi operators, *comycued* to Indian Amines, is *very* small.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Private agency system for postal services

*494. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will as Minister of CoMMUNICATIONS be to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to introduce private agency system for postal services so that every village in the country can have a small post office;

(b) if so, what are the details of such proposal;

(c) whether 1h$_e$ agency system has already been tried in any State; and

(d) if so, what have been the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINIS! RY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (d) There is no proposal under consideration of the Government to introduce any private agency system so that every village in the country has a post office.

However, the Government had launched a scheme of Licensed Postal Agents in urban areas in 1985 to sell stamps and to accept Registered Letters in addition *to* ordinary mail. The scheme was however discontinued from August, 1987. These licensed Postal Agents were established in areas where no departmental post office could be opened due to the ban then in force. We have 187 such LP As still working with us, who were appointed before 1987.

The Government have also experiment, ed with the Panchayat Dak Sewak Scheme in 39 districts of India in 1988. in this scheme, a person selected by the local Panchayat was authorised to delivet the dak in the Panchayat village and he was paid an allowance of Rs. 150/- per month. His duty was to deliver the ordinary mail, to sell postage stamps and collect registered and ordinary mail from the people in his jurisdiction. Since the scheme was not popular and the Panchayat Dak Sewak was not able to generate much business or enthusiam the scheme was withdrawn from 1.7.1991.

Recruitment of Hindi Translator in National Airport Authority

*495. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY; Will the Minister or CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that application were recently invited from the employees working in the National Airport Authority (Headquarter), New Delhi for the post of Hindi Translator in the pay scale of Rs. 1400-2600;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the post is reserved for {Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribes or others; and

(d) what are the reasons for not inviting applications front the subordinate offices of the National Airport Authority?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) One post of Hindi Translator for National Airport Authority Headquarters was advertised in the Navbharat Times on 8-5-92. The vacancy was also circulated at the Headquarters.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The employees in the subordinate offices could also respond directly" aaginst the advertisement in the regions.

संसद सदस्य और विशेष श्रेणी के कोटे के अधीन टेलीफोन कनेक्शन लगाये जाने में विलम्ब

*496. **श्री गुफरान आजम :**
श्री सुरेश चौधरी :

क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) संसद सदस्यों और विशेष श्रेणी के कोटा (बिना पारी) से टेलीफोन कनेक्शन देने में कितना समय लगता है ;

(ख) इस श्रेणी के अधीन टेलीफोन कनेक्शन लगाये जाने के कितने मामले लम्बित हैं ;

(ग) विलम्ब होने के क्या कारण हैं; और

(घ) सरकार द्वारा यह सुनिश्चित करने के लिए क्या कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं कि इस श्रेणी के अधीन शीघ्र टेलीफोन कनेक्शन दिये जायें ?

संचार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री राजेश पायलट) : (क) संसद सदस्यों के कोटे से तथा साथ-ही-साथ बिना बारी (आउट आफ टर्न) मंजूरशुदा टेलीफोन कनेक्शन तकनीकी रूप से व्यवहार्य होने पर और विभागीय औपचारिकताओं का पालन होने पर, आमतौर पर 30 दिन की अवधि में प्रदान कर दिए जाते हैं ।

(ख) इस श्रेणी के अंतर्गत प्रदान किये जाने वाले टेलीफोन कनेक्शनों के विचाराधीन मामलों की संख्या 9881 है।

(ग) देरी के कारण इस प्रकार हैं:— तकनीकी रूप से व्यवहार्य न होना, आवेदकों से पंजीकरण के विवरण उपलब्ध न होना, परिसर बदलने के कारण प्रेसिती का उपलब्ध न होना, पंजीकरण पत्र तथा बिना बारी (आउट आफ टर्न) स्वीकृति आदेश में आवेदकों के नाम और पते में विसंगतियां होना, कनेक्शन लंबी दूरी का होना आदि।

(घ) इस श्रेणी के अंतर्गत 30 दिन की अवधि के भीतर टेलीफोन कनेक्शन प्रदान करने के संबंध में अनुदेश जारी कर दिये गये हैं। इन अनुदेशों पर अनुवर्ती कार्रवाई करने तथा ऐसे कनेक्शन तत्काल प्रदान करने के लिए प्रत्येक सर्किल में संपर्क अधिकारी पहले ही मनोनीत कर दिये गये हैं।

जिन मामलों में कनेक्शन शीघ्र-प्रदान करना तकनीकी रूप से व्यवहार्य नहीं होता है उनमें मुख्य महाप्रबंधकों से, टेलीफोन कनेक्शन के संस्थापन की सम्भावित तारीख की सूचना माननीय संसद सदस्यों को देने के लिए कहा जाता है।

Development of domestic tourism fa the country

*497. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any precise estimates of total domestic tourist traffic in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to promote domestic tourism in toe country?